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FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS. PROTEST AGAINST SENATE DECISION.

COMMUNIST TRIAL SQUABBLE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, May 24.
M. Poincaré and the Cabinet have resigned in consequence of the Senate's decision that it is not competent to try Marcel Cachin and the other French Communists arrested in the Ruhr at the time of the French occupation.



M. Millerand, the President, has declined to accept the resignation.

[Marcel Cachin, Communist member of the Chamber of Deputies, was arrested on January 19 after his Parliamentary privilege had been annulled. Early this month he was provisionally released with ten other arrested Communists.]

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

LATER.

The Senate, giving its decision, in the case of Deputy Cachin and thirty-two other Communists, which resulted in the Ministerial crisis, was sitting as a High Court.

The accused were charged with revolutionary activities at the time of the French occupation of the Ruhr in January. The German Deputy Hollein was also accused in respect of speeches delivered in Paris in March.

After the public prosecutor had read the indictment, the Court (presided over by M. Doumergue) discussed the matter behind closed doors for three and a half hours, after which it declared by a majority of thirty votes that it was incompetent to try the cases.

M. Poincaré thereupon called the Cabinet Council and decided to go to the Elysee and resign on the ground that the Senate's vote indicated non-confidence in the Cabinet, but M. Millerand refused to accept his resignation.

HOW THE CRISIS AROSE.

PARIS, May 25.

Ministerial crisis was preceded by a rather colourless debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the subject of the Ruhr, in which M. Poincaré affirmed his resolve not to consent to the German desire for a three years' moratorium. He referred to the satisfactory increasing supplies of coal and coke from the Ruhr and said that France could await the first move by Germany. France would not admit any modification of the 1921 scheme of payments.

CABINET RESHUFFLE

PRINCIPAL MINISTERS REMAIN.

OUTCASTS STILL OUTCASTS.

LONDON, May 24.

It is learned that all the principal present ministers have accepted office in the new Cabinet, including the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Derby, Viscount Cave, Sir Montagu Barlow, Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. W. Bridgeman, and Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery.

It is understood that further pressure will be brought to bear on Sir Robert Horne to accept the Exchequer ship.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain has hitherto not been offered any appointment. Lord Robert Cecil has accepted office.

[The Duke of Devonshire is Secretary for the Colonies; Lord Derby, Minister of War; Viscount Cave, Lord High Chancellor; Sir Montagu Barlow, Minister of Labour; Sir Samuel Hoare, Minister of Air; Mr. W. Bridgeman, Home Secretary; and Mr. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Austen Chamberlain was Leader of the House of Commons under Mr. Lloyd George, and Sir Robert Horne Chancellor of the Exchequer. Lord Robert Cecil is the ardent League of Nations champion.]

EMPIRE DAY.

HOME CENOTAPH CEREMONY.

OVERSEAS WREATH.

LONDON, May 24.

A feature of the Empire Day celebrations was the laying of wreaths of the loveliest flowers at the Cenotaph on the behalf of the Dominions and the Colonies. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large crowd.

Some 800,000 school children in London alone listened to their Majesties' gramophone messages. They paraded and saluted the flag. They then had a holiday.

HOME CRICKET.

WEST INDIES MATCH.

LONDON, May 24.

The West Indies won by 26 runs. The West Indian player Challenger, in the first innings made 87 runs. Francis in the second innings took six wickets for 23 runs.

RUPTURE UNLIKELY.

RUSSIAN SITUATION BRIGHTER.

SOVIET'S CONCILIATORY NOTE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 24.

Reuter learns that the general Anglo-Russian situation is considered much brighter and that the prospects of a rupture are now believed to be remote.

LATER.

While official comment on the Russian Note is impossible owing to the fact that the Cabinet, to which Lord Curzon is understood to have told Mr. Krassin he must submit it, has not yet been properly constituted.

Well-informed circles consider the Note unusually conciliatory. Superficially it appears very satisfactory, but closer examination does not seem to give real satisfaction to the British demands.

OUR AMBASSADOR ILL.

SEVERE EYE TROUBLE.

WASHINGTON, May 24.



Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador, is confined in a dark room under medical orders. He is suffering from severe eye trouble.

WASHINGTON, May 24.

The oculist says that Sir Auckland Geddes will be laid up for several weeks.

KRUPPS FEEL THE PINCH.

FORMER MANAGER WANTED AGAIN.

BERLIN, May 24.

The Krupp directorate has requested the Government to release Herr Wiedfeldt, the Ambassador to the United States, as a diplomat to enable his resumption of his former post of general manager of Krupp in consequence of the difficulties caused by the recent arrests and sentences of Krupp directors in the Ruhr.

[Herr Krupp von Bohlen, head of Krupp, was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, and three other Krupp directors were given heavy terms in connection with the disturbances of March 30.]

PARIS MAY DAY RIOT.

JAPANESE SENTENCED.

PARIS, May 24.

The Criminal Court has passed sentence of three months' imprisonment and subsequent deportation on a Japanese journalist named Sakai Hayashi for assaulting the police and using a false passport.

The man was arrested on May 1 following a Communist meeting at Saint Ouen.

LEAGUE OPIUM WORK.

SIAMESE PRINCE'S PART.

GENEVA, May 24.

The Opium Commission of the League elected M. Leon Bourgeois (France) President, and Prince Charoom (Siam) Vice-President.

It was decided to invite the United States delegation to participate in the Commission's work.

EGYPT GOING DRIER?

WOMEN'S PETITION.

CAIRO, May 24.

It is reported that the American Minister has handed the premier a petition signed by 6,000 Egyptian women urging the introduction of the prohibition and that the Premier has promised to submit the matter to Parliament.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKETERS.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR IMPOSSIBLE.

CAPETOWN, May 24.

The South African Cricket Association has regretfully declined the invitation of the South African team to visit Australia prior to its English tour on the ground that the trip is impracticable.

EGYPTIAN PLAGUE SCARE.

OUTBREAK UNDER CONTROL.

CAIRO, May 24.

The plague outbreak is well under control. The average is only nine cases registered daily since May 13.

LATEST FLYING WONDER.

HELICOPTER ACHIEVEMENT.

PARIS, May 24.

During a flight in a helicopter, the aviator Oehmichen hovered over a fixed point for nine minutes.

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ROXBURGH.—On May 20, 1923,
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DEATHS.

RIVERO.—On May 20, 1923, at
Shanghai, Elias Thomas
Rivero, in his 60th year, late
of H.B.M. Consulate Shipping
Office.

QUINCEY.—On May 21, 1923, at
Shanghai, Catherine, beloved
wife of William Quincey, aged
68.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1923.

TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

Transport facilities play a very vital part in the development of every large centre. Adequate they mean healthy, open streets, with dwelling houses pleasantly distant from the city's hub; inadequate they mean cramped, swarming buildings—tenements huddled together and "lung" spaces very rare, if not altogether absent. Hongkong has not shared the fate of the more luckless examples which abound elsewhere, but it has not, again, had that good start which pioneer foresight should have ensured. Congested areas and high land values alike prove this only too well. Hitherto the Colony, as we have said before, has only received the facilities each year's needs have made essential and sometimes barely that. However, times have now changed. Not only are existing services being improved—Peak tram congestion has been somewhat relieved and additional "rush hour" ferries have been provided—but new facilities are also being considered and in some instances actually provided. And here it is that the harbour scheme report has special interest. Many people have long flirted with the idea of a tunnel or a bridge to link the island with the mainland. Both plans had obvious drawbacks, but popular fancy dies hard. Little doubt was felt, however, that our rulers

favoured neither bridge nor tunnel when the Colonial Secretary stated last month that the Government was going ahead with a scheme for much bigger ferries and that, since a bridge would be free for all, these ferries would possibly become free later. Observing that many people would doubtless deplore this decision, we yet claimed that the Colony would have little cause for complaint if it received instead ferry facilities comparing with the best Home services, which handle thousands hourly, cheaply and efficiently. Our guess that the Government in making this decision must have given due regard to the Fitzmaurice harbour scheme has now been borne out by the report itself. After studying the problem, particularly from the vehicular traffic standpoint, the experts found that the only feasible method which would not entail heavy costs was the ferry boat—able, like those which other big ports boast, to carry very large numbers of both horse and mechanical vehicles. The Woolwich services which the experts cited takes the place of a road, and this example our Government has seemingly decided to emulate, for the Hon. Mr. Fletcher recently stated that the ferries the Government intended purchasing would each accommodate between six and eight motor cars. That the Government should have thus quickly accepted the report's advice "is distinctly encouraging, because transport facilities, especially across the harbour, are, as we have said above, a very vital factor in the Colony's progress, and the public, not less than the experts, will agree that the present traffic more than warrants the provision by the Government of a good vehicular and passenger ferry service; it may be one imperious.

Consulates in Russia.

On February 21, the different Consulates in Russia were told that unless they obtained exequaturs from the Soviet Government by May 20, they would be ordered to close. In consequence, England, France and the United States

decided to close their consulates at Vladivostok as it was impossible to obtain exequaturs in time. Japan, however, proposed the exchange of Trade Commissioners in the place of Consuls. According to a Tokyo message no reply had been received from the Soviet up to May 9. In view of the Bank of Chosen being established at Vladivostok and for other reasons not specified, the Mikado's Government has decided to keep the Consulate open, despite the attack of February 21, in the hopes that a satisfactory reply will eventually arrive from Moscow. The British Consul closed his office at Vladivostok on May 8 and sailed for Japan on May 16 on board the "Hozan Maru."

In the meantime, the Soviet envoy, Mr. Joffe, is still in Japan and in a press interview is quoted as saying that he had nothing to communicate to the Japanese people through the Japanese press, except that he wished to convey his deep sense of gratitude to them.

As to the nature of the Moscow message received on May 6, the dispatch said that an agreement of a certain kind existed between the Vladivostok authorities and the Japanese fisheries, but no decision had been reached on four points. Mr. Joffe could not tell the exact nature of the existing agreement, but the four points referred to were: 1.—The Vladivostok authorities are desirous that the visit of a Japanese passport be obtained in a Russian port; 2.—The Japanese fisheries desire to be exempted from the Russian fishing tax; 3.—The Japanese request to be exempted from customs duties on fishing goods; and 4.—The Japanese request that their fishermen be granted the privilege to engage in fishing without obtaining the visit of their passports.

The point which Viscount Goto submitted to Mr. Joffe in the name of the Japanese Government, was with regard to the position taken by the Vladivostok authorities on the visit question, and he said nothing on the other points. Russia was fully living up to the agreement which had been concluded, and it was regrettable that rumour had gone abroad charging the Vladivostok authorities with going back on it.

It would thus appear that relations between Moscow and the Powers are more strained than ever.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The official rate of the dollar for payments in sterling by the China Command during the month of June is 2/4.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 12, 1923, amounted to 95,218 tons and the sales during the period to 90,453 tons.

H.M.S. "Hawkins," with Admiral Sir A. C. Leveson, K.C.B., on board, arrived in Shanghai on the 20th, and H.M.S. "Hollyhook" was due on the following day from a cruise.

In Hongkong at present is Wong Tong, who is one of Sun Yat-sen's right hand men. He has previously occupied several positions of importance and is now chief accountant at headquarters. Recently he was detained by the uncle of Lau Tsun-wan, the pro-Sun Kwangsi general, but he was quickly released as it was found that the procedure was irregular.

At the Sik Sik gardens, Kowloon City, a dedication to the dead ceremony is now going on and will last till June 1. It is known as the *Man Yuen* meaning, literally, the ten thousand spirits ceremony. The chanting and performances gone through by monks and nuns usually associated with ceremonies of this kind are all in evidence.

Dishonesty in that he stole two letters and \$10 from another letter was alleged against a Chinese postman before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy this morning. Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Postmaster-General, prosecuted and Mr. R. E. A. Webster legally represented defendant. Detective Sub-Inspector Pincoff, who had charge of the case, asked for a formal remand and this was granted till May 30.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

There was a very large attendance of the staff of the Chartered Bank, Kuala Lumpur, Klang and Seremban at the Malacca Lodge to bid farewell to their much esteemed and respected chief, Mr. J. Argyle Robertson, who was presented with a large silver cigar case, suitably inscribed.

The Chinese Government has conferred the Order of the "Tashou" upon Mr. O. M. Green, editor of the *N. C. Daily News*, and the Order of the "Wenfu" upon Mr. R. W. Davis, general manager and Mr. R. Wood, assistant editor of the same paper.

UNION INSURANCE ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING.

A TIME OF TRIAL.

Good headway despite troublous times was reported to the shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited at the fiftieth ordinary yearly meeting held at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr presided and there were also present the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Messrs. A. O. Lang, G. S. Archbutt, A. A. M. de Silva, F. R. J. Adams, J. M. Alves, J. Arnold, Ho Ki, A. S. Ellis, T. G. Weall, C. Champlin, Chow Ngan-ting, H. Hancock, H.B.L. Dowbiggin, Chau Siu-ki, F. W. Stapleton, A. H. Cobb, W. J. Carroll, J. R. Kinghorn, A. R. Lowe, G. Grimble, C.A. Peel, W. J. G. Whitley, Lo Man-his and P. M. Hodgson.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The business of insurance, and particularly marine insurance, during the past 18 months has been conducted during times of great difficulty and changing conditions. The number of insurance companies which commenced business in recent years with high hopes of success and which have since passed out of existence or have ceased to transact marine business, testifies to the difficulty of the times. These failures have been caused largely by indiscriminate rate cutting with a view to obtaining a footing in the marine market, and to the fact that the trade conditions of the world have so quickly altered, high values falling to low values, and great trade activity passing to great trade depression. The Society in common with all Companies transacting Marine and Fire business has had to face a restricted market, which has involved a certain decrease in its premium income, but I think you will agree that notwithstanding the many difficulties with which we have been faced, our figures reflect the fact that we have maintained our position in the insurance markets of the world.

Gentlemen, the report and accounts were issued on the 11th May, which will have given you ample time to study our figures, and I propose, therefore, to follow the usual procedure, and take them as well as the Auditor's Report as read.

The Working Account for the year 1921, after allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interest dividend of 24s/- per share, shows that the balance available for distribution is £400,593.1.11, and your Directors recommend that this balance be allocated as follows:—

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During the years preceding the trade depression already referred to your Directors were anxious that you should participate in the full in the profits that were being made and they inaugurated a bonus dividend.

My predecessors in the Chair for the past three years have struck a note of warning forecasting that this bonus dividend might be discontinued if trade did not quickly improve, and after much consideration we have decided that notwithstanding the satisfactory figures before you the most prudent course is to discontinue the payment of a bonus dividend this year. The usual dividend of the Society remains unaltered and your Directors feel that under ordinary circumstances the payment now being made can be well maintained in future years, and increased as the trade conditions of the world adjust themselves.

With reference to the figures in the report I would explain that the Society's investments are taken at the market value as at the December 31st last, and where any doubt has existed, as to the intrinsic value of any of our investments, they have been written down to a conservative figure. Interest received shows a decrease but the question of exchange affects us here, and as regards our balance sheet totals I would remind you that the Silver Dollar was worth 2/7 on the 31st December 1921, as against 2/3 3/4 on the 31st December 1922; also that the cross rate for American Gold Dollars was 4/2 1/4 on the 31st December 1921, as

against 4/6 7/8 on the 31st December 1922. There is no method that can place us outside the position of being affected by Exchange but I think it is reasonable to conclude that we are reaching a more normal period in this respect.

Our Loss ratios must be considered satisfactory if you recollect the difficult times through which we have passed.

I much regret that the unsettled conditions in China still continue seriously hampering trade, and whilst the country is passing through a transition period of great trial, I feel that a bright future for it is certain, as its great resources, enterprise, and the good sense of its people will surely overcome the present difficulties. Steps have been taken to strengthen our position in our home field, and we do not doubt that we shall receive our fair share of new business when the trade of China in which we are all so interested revives.

Before I conclude it will no doubt interest you to learn that the Society has in course of construction in London at the corner of Finch Lane and Corhill a seven-storied building. This is one of the best sites in the City, in the centre of insurance activity, and when completed it will give us a commodious and permanent office in London of which we are in great need. This will enable the Society to house its various departments under one roof instead of having them separately accommodated in different buildings as we are forced to do at present. Your Directors are satisfied that this investment is a satisfactory one from all points of view.

Gentlemen, our business is world-wide and our position to-day reflects credit on the management and staff for never in the Society's history has the work required more skill and care than at the present time. Under all these circumstances I feel confident, Gentlemen, that you will heartily approve the usual Bonus of 15% which we have voted to the credit of members of the staff holding provident fund agreements.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

HON. MR. STEPHEN'S COMMENTS.

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen said:—

We have heard with interest the Chairman's remarks and I am sure you will all agree with me that our thanks are due to the Directors, the General Manager and staff for the able way in which they have weathered the storms of the past two years. The war and post-war boom years, responsible for many of the room growths in all branches of trade and finance, and it was only natural that insurance should attract its share of new enthusiasts. It was also the natural order that when the boom had run its course, losses came which the new concerns could not face and they therefore had in many cases to go to the wall, but they were very troublesome competitors while they were in existence.

The Union, originated in local enterprise and we feel justly proud of it when we see the splendid position it is in as evidenced by the excellent balance sheet now before us. Good reserves well invested make it a solid institution capable of meeting all possible contingencies in its world-wide business.

I may say that I have been privileged to see a list of the securities constituting these reserves, and I can assure you that they are such as would satisfy the most fastidious in such matters.

As the Chairman has pointed out, comparisons between the balance sheet of one year with that of another are difficult owing to the factor of the exchanges. There is no method of avoiding that factor, but we are all much comforted by the Chairman's assurance that it is reasonably likely we are reaching a more normal period in respect of exchange.

It was to be expected that the figures of the balance sheet should show some reduction on those of the previous year. The reports of insurance companies, especially Marine, are bound to reflect faithfully the conditions of business—the fall in prices of commodities and the world-wide depreciation in trade during the last two years are bound to be so reflected in our balance sheet.

No doubt some of you regret the absence of a bonus, but, gentlemen, we were simply warned that it was of a temporary nature dependent on an improvement in trade, so I think you will agree with me that the Directors used a wise discretion in adopting the prudent course of discontinuing it this year. It is a pleasure however to feel that the handsome ordinary dividend of the Society can be maintained.

With a return to sound and normal trade which we all look forward to, we may even see a steady increase in the distribution but "safety first" should be our motto. I am sure the bonus of 15 per cent. to the Provident Funds of the Staff has the hearty approval of the share-

HARBOUR SCHEME.

GOVERNMENT AND THE REPORT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY INTERVIEWED.

In connection with the Hongkong Harbour Improvements Report made by Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilson and Mitchell on November 21, 1922, a *China Mail* reporter called upon the Colonial Secretary this morning.

Our representative asked Mr. Fletcher whether, as the report had advised, the staff of the Public Works Department had been increased by the addition of one senior man, "accustomed to keeping records of soundings, current observations and the other different matters which form the history of a harbour, and a junior man who would assist him and be an understudy."

Mr. Fletcher replied that Mr. Duncan was now at Home to consult the Colonial Office Engineers and to engage these men.

With regard to the purchase of two self-recording tide gauges, it is stated that Mr. Duncan has received instructions to purchase them, after taking expert advice as to the best gauges for use here.

The Colonial Secretary informed the *China Mail* representative that the whole report had been referred to the British Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

In view of this, the two leading British shipping representatives, called upon and asked for their views, refused to discuss the matter until the report had been thrashed out by the Chambers.

holders. With our far-flung commitments we are more than ever dependent on their vigilant activities everywhere. In this connection I am sure we all wish that our General Manager, who has done so much for the Company, will soon be restored to complete health.

I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. C. Champlin seconded by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. G. M. Dodwell were unanimously re-elected Directors of the Company and on the motion of Mr. H. Hancock seconded by Mr. H. B. T. Dowbiggin, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$2,000 each.

CHINA FIRE MEETING.

Directly after the Union Insurance meeting the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr presided and there were present the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Messrs. A. O. Lang and D. O. Russell. (Directors). Paul Lander (acting general manager) and the following shareholders: Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, G. G. Franklin, W. R. Mansfield, da Cunha, E. A. Lees, J. W. Alabaster, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, A. A. Alves, W. F. Gardner and P. M. Hodgson.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen—The report has been in your hands for some time and subject to your approval I will follow the usual procedure and take it, as well as the Auditor's Report, as read.

The working account for 1921 shows a balance of \$919,894.94 to be dealt with. Your Directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of \$7.00 and bonus of \$3.00 per share on 20,000 shares ... \$ 200,000.00

To transfer to Building Reserve Fund 100,000.00

To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense Account 619,894.94

\$ 919,894.94

Turning to the balance sheet you will notice that sterling exchange this year is 2/3 3/4 as against 2/7 last which has the effect of increasing the dollar equivalent of the Company's sterling securities.

The balance at credit of the 1922 Working Account is \$1,328,926.07.

Notwithstanding the satisfactory figures before you your Directors have decided, in view of the uncertainty of the times, through which we are passing, not to make any increase in the dividend distribution and I have no doubt this policy will commend itself to you.

I now move that the Directors' report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted, and after this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt seconded and the Chairman's resolution was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. J. W. Alabaster seconded by Mr. A. A. Alves, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, and Mr. G. M. Dodwell, were re-elected Directors and on the motion of Mr. de Cunha seconded by Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors.

LAND COMPANIES.

AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

FURTHER STEPS TAKEN.

Further steps towards the proposed amalgamation of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., were taken at extraordinary general meetings of the two Companies held this morning.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were also present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Father Robert and Mr. A. S. Gubbay (Directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. M. Alves, J. T. Bagram, G. W. Barton, E. Sadick, W. E. L. Shenton, J. Wilton, Lau Yik Cheuk, A. A. Guterres, Lee Ping Seen, Yu In Shing, Lau Hy Nam, and H. Percy Smith.

After the extraordinary resolutions previously carried approving the draft new memorandum and articles of association had been carried, the Chairman indicated that the meeting would now be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing as extraordinary resolutions, the resolutions (Nos. 3 and 4) set out in the notice convening the meeting. The resolution numbered 3 concerned the proposal to divide each of the existing 50,000 fully paid up shares of \$100 each, constituting the Company's present capital of \$5,000,000 into four fully paid up shares of \$25 each so as to make such capital \$5,000,000 consisting of 200,000 fully paid up shares of \$25 each.

As they were aware, the Company's shares were at the present time quoted on the market at about \$860 each, and the effect of the resolution, if passed, would naturally be not only to reduce the nominal value of the shares in question to \$25 each, but also to reduce the market value more or less correspondingly, and thus render the shares more marketable.

The next resolution related to the proposal to increase the Company's capital from its present figure of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

"As you know under the agreement we have entered into with the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd., which was duly approved by the members of this Company, at the meeting held for that purpose on May 3 last, the Chairman proceeded, every member of that Company in consideration of the assignment thereby agreed upon to this Company is to receive four shares of the nominal value of \$25 of the capital of this Company in respect of each share of \$100 held by such member in the capital of the Hongkong Central Estate Limited. All our capital has been issued and it is therefore necessary to increase the capital of this Company. The balance of the fresh capital i.e. \$4,000,000 will be issued by the Directors as and when they consider same to be necessary in the interests of the Company. Your Directors consider it advisable to have a reserve of unissued capital for any purposes that the interests of the Company may call for."

After the proposals had been passed as extraordinary resolutions, the Chairman announced that a further extraordinary general meeting for the purpose *inter alia* of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions the two Resolutions which had just been passed as Extraordinary Resolutions respecting the division of shares, and increase of Capital would be advertised to be held on Thursday, June 14, at 11.30 a.m.

CENTRAL ESTATE MEETING.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard also presided at the meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd. There were also present: Father Robert (Director), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. B. Stewart, J. T. Bagram, H. M. H. Nemaze, E. Sadick, Li Tse-fong, Li Koon-chun, A. S. Gubbay, D. V. Stevenson, Lau Hi-nam and S. S. Perry.

When the extraordinary resolutions previously carried in connection with the winding up of the Company and the amalgamation scheme had been confirmed the Chairman made the following announcement:—

"Mr. Horace Percy Smith, the liquidator will be communicating in the usual way with the shareholders of this Company with regard to the payment of \$60 per share in respect of each share held by the members of this Company. With regard to the allotment of shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. to members of this Company, the liquidator will be despatching the necessary application forms for members to send in to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. with regard to the allotment to them of shares in that Company."

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The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of

Asia" arrived at Kobe on May 23 at

8.30 a.m. left Kobe on May 23 at 2 p.m.

and is due at Yokohama to-day at 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. S.S. "Aki Maru" (Australia

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May 23 and is expected here to-morrow.

The S. F. S.S. "Japan" left Singapore

for this port on May 24 at 2 p.m. with the

outward English Mail, and is due here

on May 27 at about 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. S.S. "Mororan Maru" (Calcutta

line) left Calcutta for Hongkong

via ports on May 6 and is expected here

on May 27.

The N.Y.K. S.S. "Tamba Maru" (Bombay

line) left Bombay for Hongkong

via ports on May 14 and is expected here

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The P. & O. S.S. "Alpaca" left

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May 24 at 3 p.m. and is due here on

Tuesday May 29 at about 6 a.m.

The S. F. S.S. "Taira" left Liver-

pool on April 28 for Singapore, Hong-

kong and Shanghai and is due here on

May 31.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of

Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong

via Japan ports, Shanghai on May 18

is due at Yokohama on May 28 evening

and is expected here on June 2.

The S.S. "Tama" of the Norwegian

Africa and Australia Line (China and

Japan service) left Antwerp on Mar. 28

and is due to arrive in Hongkong on

or about June 6.

The N.Y.K. S.S. "Atsuta Maru" (European

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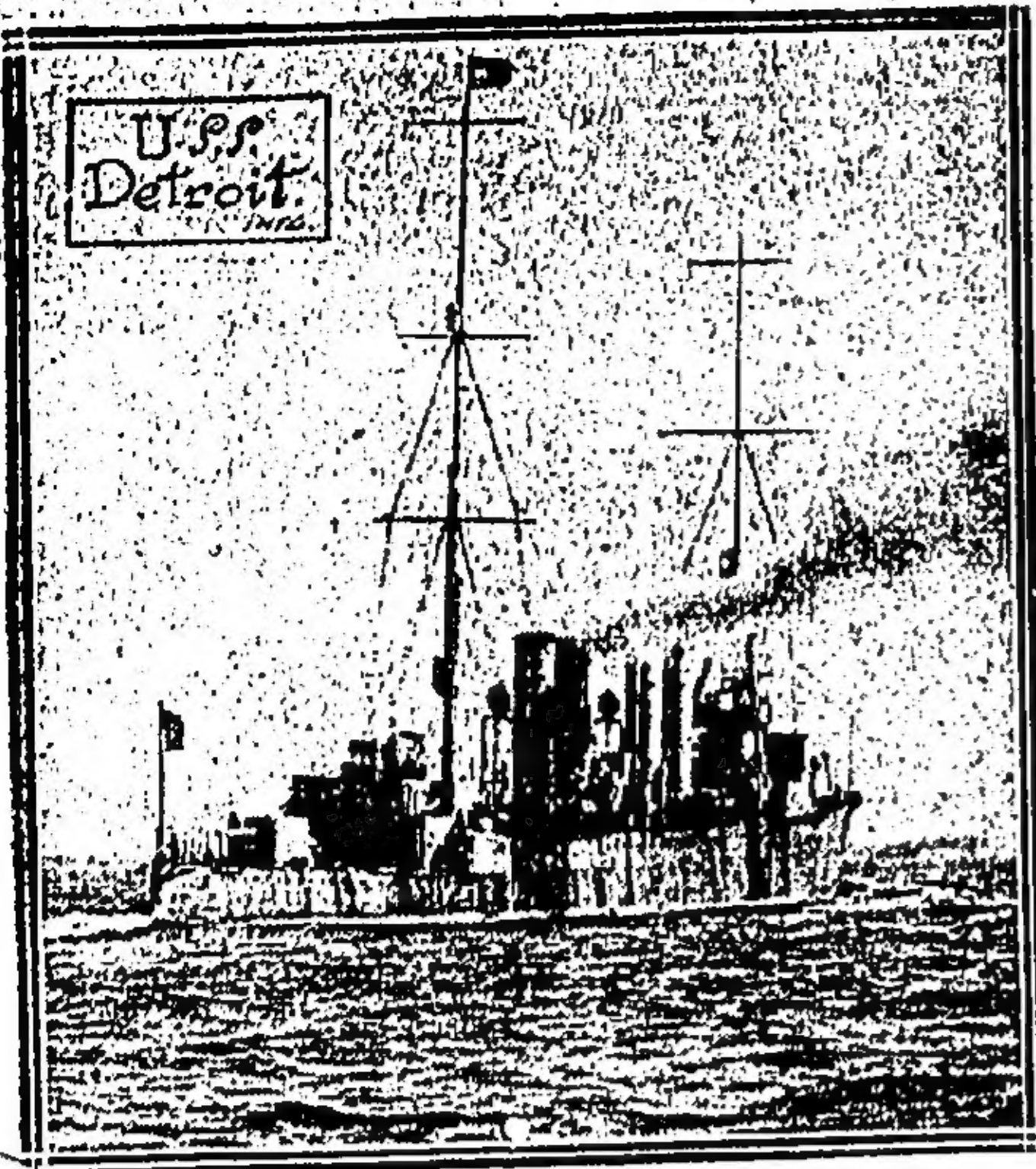
here on June 9.

The S. F. S.S. "Shena" left Liver-

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Mlle. Tamara Swirnaya is the new dancing idol of Paris.



Dr. Baron Frederic Koranyi Tolcsva, Hungary's new Minister to France, is shown here in full uniform just after having presented his credentials to President Millerand, at the Elysee Palace, in Paris.



From a factory girl to grand opera fame is the career of Elisabeth Wakefield, an English girl who has scored a triumph with the Carl Rosa Opera Company. Miss Wakefield was once employed in a clothing factory. Her recent London appearance, in "Samson et Delila," was called a finished performance.



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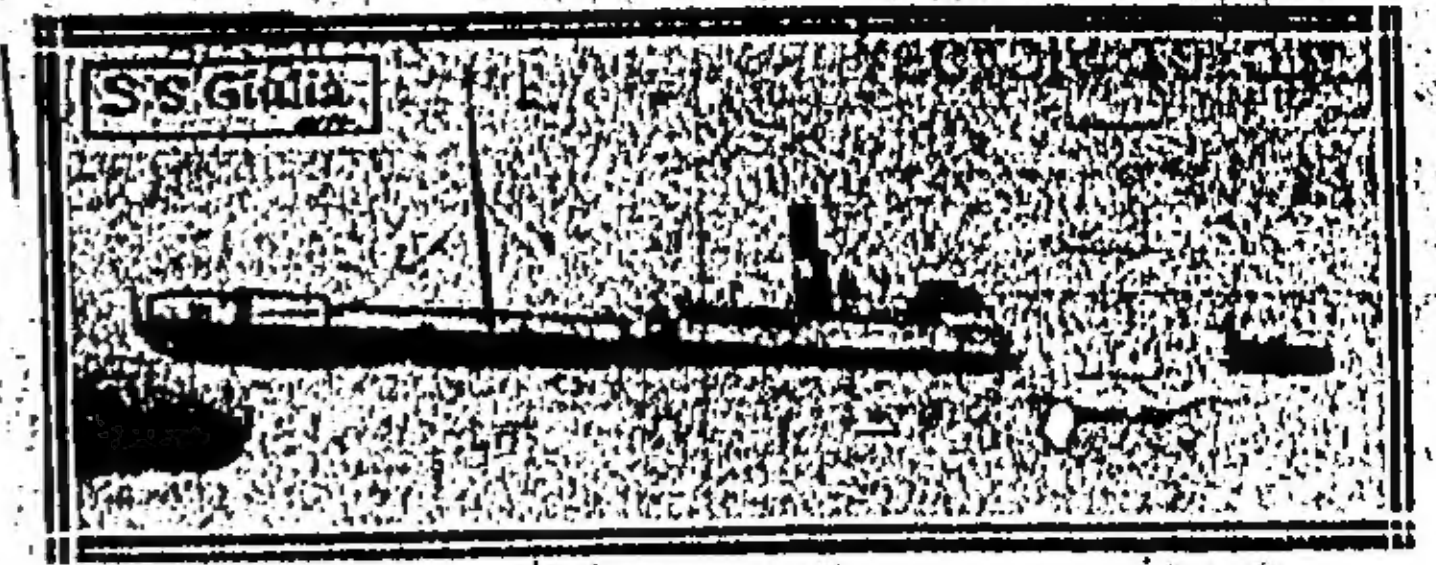
Miss Jane MacBean Ross, a Scotswoman, has been named Professor of Physical Science in Queen Mary's College for Women, the first woman to hold this post.



George Williams, a negro pilot in Florida waters for the last 35 years, acted as pilot of the houseboat "Pioneer," on which President and Mrs. Harding toured Florida's inland waters.



The flags of the Irish Free State troops were blessed this St. Patrick's Day in Dublin. General Mulcahy, commander of the Free State Army, is shown, with members of his staff, inspecting the troops before the ecclesiastical ceremonies.



Striking photograph of the sinking of the S. S. "Giulia," an Italian ship, which was disabled in the Atlantic 800 miles from shore. The steamer "Westlake" took off her crew, after which the Coast Guard cutter "Seneca" sank her by gunfire to prevent her becoming a menace to navigation.



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Republican opponents of Earl B. Mayfield, alleged Ku Klux Klansman, elected to the United States Senate from Texas, assert they have enough votes to unseat him when congress reconvenes in December. Mayfield's opponents assert that he secured more than 200,000 illegal votes.



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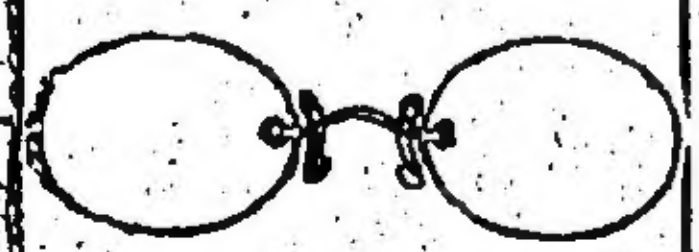
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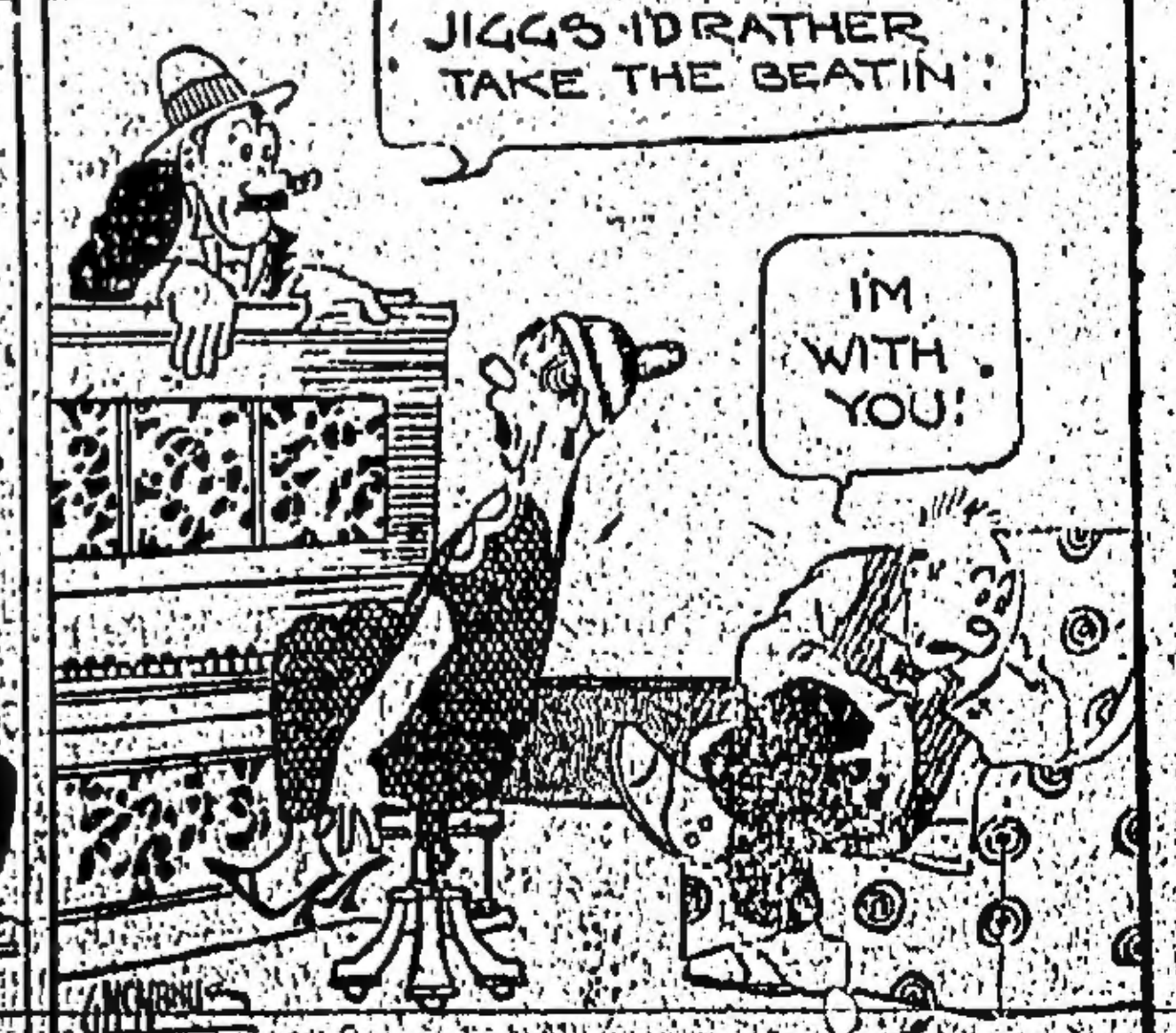
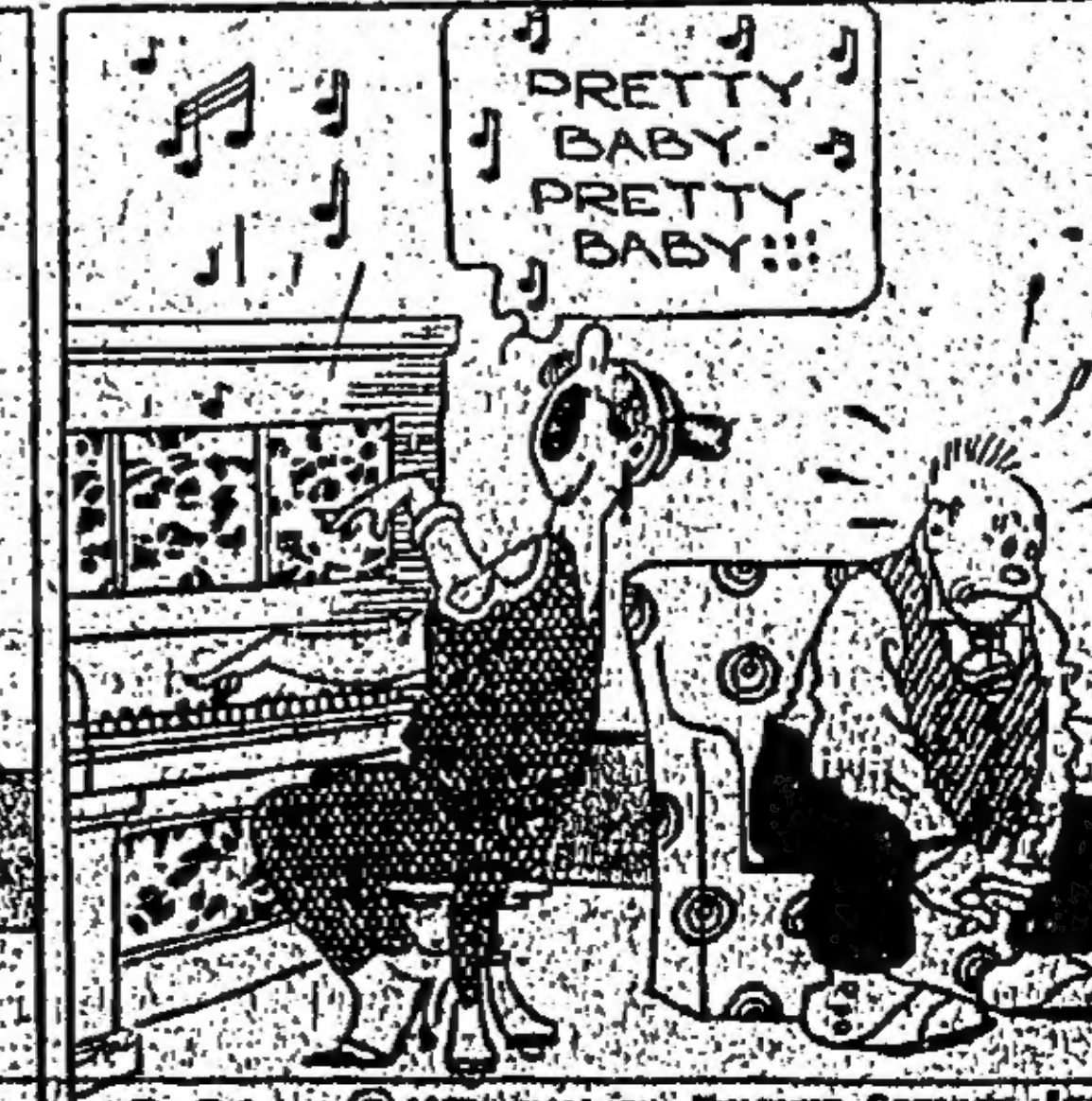
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COMMUNISTS IN THE RUHR.

LONDON, May 23rd.
Serious communist disturbances have occurred in the Ruhr area, notably at Essen and Dortmund.
Reports from Berlin state that 5 were killed and 40 wounded at Essen, where the Communists occupied the Central Police Station, hoisted the red flag and ranted the public houses and shops. The French are not interfering.
According to advices from Cologne 2 were killed and 20 wounded at Gelsenkirchen yesterday afternoon in a conflict between a crowd of unemployed strikers—incited by Communists—and the security police, who were reported to be unable to cope with the situation. It is officially admitted that there were 24 casualties as the result of similar disturbances at Dortmund, but it is believed that the casualties really number 40.
A prominent Communist asserted that the object was to secure French intervention, leading to the disarmament of the security police and facilitating a possible putch (1).

PARIS, May 23rd.
Advices from a French source at Dusseldorf state that there are over 50,000 strikers in the Dortmund district. The movement is spreading daily.
The Communists are endeavouring to engineer a general strike in the Ruhr area, and talk of proclaiming a workers' republic on the Ruhr. A recurrence of sabotage on the Ruhr railways has been reported.

BERLIN, May 23rd.
Gelsenkirchen is still in the hands of the Communist communists, and the citizens are terrified. The civilian defence force—the fire-brigade—were driven out last night, and at present there is no force available to combat the Communists.
The scenes yesterday were terrible and the fighting was most bitter. The Communists wrecked the police headquarters and then set it on fire.
The Communists had evidently been formed in preparation for the onslaught, for the entire operation was carried out under orders from the leaders, on military lines.

PARIS, May 23rd.
Advices from Dortmund state that the Association of German Miners, the Union of Christian Workers and the Association of Polish Workers have appealed to the Ruhr miners, denouncing the "work of disorganisation carried on by Russian emissaries, tending to destroy the miners' unity of front and to annihilate the freedom of the workers."

PROHIBITION AT SEA.

WASHINGTON, May 23rd.
The officials who are drafting the new regulations will give effect to the Supreme Court's decision in regard to the transportation of liquor in American waters.
They have apparently abandoned any hope of a "writting round" of the decision, so they will be in conflict between the regulations and liquor laws.

In regard to liquor rations for crews, the question has been submitted to Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, and it is regarded as certain that it will be referred to President Harding after Mr. Mellon has fully considered it. It is believed that Mr. Mellon will be urged to postpone the enforcement of the regulations beyond June 10th.

THE HAGUE, May 23rd.
The Dutch Minister at Washington has been instructed to lodge a friendly protest regarding prohibition against the United States. Dutch Ministers in other countries are sounding the respective Governments on the same subject.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

PARIS, May 23rd.
Differences were again apparent at the Reparations Commission on the occasion of an Anglo-Italian recommendation to grant the Hungarians an appeal that the Allies would release the liens on Hungarian revenues in order to facilitate the raising of a loan.
By the Chinese casting vote the commission turned down the Anglo-Italian motion, but decided to approve of the Hungarian request that in certain cases provided for in the treaty, obligations, including payments in cash and kind, may be speedily completed.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

SIMLA, May 23rd.
Two Indian members of the Legislative Assembly have tabled resolutions urging India to be represented at the Imperial Conference by the Viceroy and two Indians, presumably in view of the anticipation that the entire question of Indian overhauls will be referred to the Conference.

THE INDIAN MURDERERS.

SIMLA, May 23rd.
A Council of Affairs and Orakzai tribesmen has been convened to levy a fine of 50,000 rupees and the destruction of the houses of the murderers of Mrs. Ellis and Major Anderson and Major Orr. It has also agreed to expel any assassin offending on British territory, and has conceded the right of the British to search tribal territory in case of any future outrage.

POLAR AIR ROUTE.

LONDON, May 23rd.
The explorer Stefansson has arrived in London with the intention of submitting to the British Government his views on Imperial policy in the polar regions. Interviewed by Reuter he said he was of the opinion that a new era in the polar regions was opening because China, in his opinion, could not be reached by airship across the frozen ocean.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LINGCHENG CAPTIVES.

TAOCHUANG, May 23.
A deputation of local gentry returned from the bandit camp to-night. It states that the bandits have agreed to send a representative, escorted by one captive, to treat with officials here to-morrow.

FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD.

OSAKA, May 24.
The points gained by China, Philippines and Japan, up to yesterday are as follows:
China 71.5
Philippines 86.15
Japan 192.35

FOOTBALL.

OSAKA, May 24.
In the final of the Football, China defeated Japan by 5 to 1.

SWIMMING.

410 Yards Swim, final—Takashi (Japan). Time, 5mins. 39.3.5 secs.

100 Yards Backstroke—Saito (Japan). Time, 1min. 12secs.
50 Yards Free Style—Onoda (Japan). Time, 26secs.

250 Yards Breast Stroke—Fujimoto (Japan). Time, 2mins. 12.3.5secs. All the swimming times broke the Far Eastern record.

TENNIS.

Preliminary Tennis—Francisco Aragon beat Ng Sze Kwong, 6-2, 7-5, 7-5. Manuel beat Tiao Ching Hua, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

International Open Tournament Lawn Tennis, Ladies singles—Miss Kameda (Japan) beat Miss Santos (Philippines), 6-2, 6-3.

Preliminary Tennis Doubles—Ng Sze Kwong and Tiao Ching Hua beat the match with Manuel and Francisco Aragon. Consequently, the latter were declared the winners.

VOLLEYBALL AND BASEBALL.
Preliminary Baseball—Japan defeated China by 5 to nil.
Baseball, final—Philippines defeated Japan by 51 to 31.

Volleyball for Ladies—Japan defeated China by 42 to 23.
International Open Tournament Volleyball for Ladies—Japan defeated China by 42 to 15.
The results up to the present show that China has secured the Association Football Championship; Philippines the Basketball; and Japan the track, field and swimming events.

THE COLTMAN CASE.

PEKING, May 23.
It is reported that the claim for indemnity in the Coltman case amounts to gold \$25,000.

CHINESE TREASURY BILLS AND NOTES.

LONDON, May 23.
The British Bank of Foreign Trade announces a meeting of note holders. The Chinese Government 8 per cent. sterling Treasury Bills and Notes now in default will be held in London till May 28, in order to consider what steps shall be taken to protect the interests of holders.

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles are as follows:
I.—In the Island of Hongkong, Kowloon, and New Kowloon.
RICKSHAW.

Five minutes 5 cents
Ten minutes 10
Quarter hour 15
Half hour 20
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Five hours 70
Six hours 80
Seven hours 90
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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Banks

The Bank of Canton, Ltd.
Des Vaux Road Central.

China Szechuan Bank, Ltd.
6, Duddell Street.

The Chinese Merchants' Bank, Ltd.
Alexandra Bldg., Chater Road.

Building Contractors

Wing On & Co.
Building Contractors.
54, D'Aguilar Street. Tel. Cen. 1597.

Coal Merchants

Canton Mining Admin. (c/o Dowell & Co., Ltd.)
Colliery & Steamship Owners.
Sittoung Coal, Cokes, Firebricks.

G. Minors & Co.
4, Connaught Road Central.

Guang Hong & Co., Coal Merchants
68 Des Vaux Rd. Cen. Tel. Cen. 3788.

Katsui & Co., 5 Queen's Road Central.
Merchants' Coal Contractors and
Shipping Agents—Phone Cen. 1543.

Cotton Yarn Importers

Gosho Kabushiki Kaisha
Importers Cotton Yarn & Piece
Goods; No. 7, Mercantile Bank
Building. Tel. Cen. 3774 and 3908.

Curio Dealers

Leak Hing, Chinese Curios & Silver Ware

Dentist

Garry Fong, Dentist.
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road
Central. Tel. Central No. 1359.

Electrical Suppliers

San Hing Co., Electric Platers and
Electric Contractors also Typewriter
Suppliers. 10 Pottinger St. Tel. Cen. 3890.

Engineers & Shipbuilders

W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.
Engineers & Shipbuilders.
New Work & Repairs
Call Flag "L."

Glass Merchants

A. Ling & Co., Glass Merchants,
Furniture, Mirror and Canton Marble
Manufacturers, Electro-plated, Glass
and Crockery Ware and Photo
Supplies. 18, Queen's Road Central.
Tel. Central No. 1218.

Hotels

Palace Hotel, Kowloon—Corner of
Haiphong and Linkou Roads. Few
minutes from ferry.

Importers & Exporters

Chas. Bros. & Co., Importers and
Exporters and Commission Agents.
Des Vaux Road.

Swong Sun & Co., 58 Queen's Road
Central. Ro Chi Chung (Manager).
Swong King Him (Asst.). Tel. Cen. 3189.

Canada Trading Co.,
Importers and Exporters.
NIKKO—Japanese fine art curios,
22 Queen's Road Ctl. Tel. Cen. 1359.

Sam Hing Loong,
57-59 Queen's Road Central.
General Storekeepers, Wine & Cigar
Merchants, General Importers,
Exporters of Chinese Produce.
Tel. Central 351.

Castell & Co., P.O. Box 318.

Land & Estate Agents

Fan Yick On, Land & Estate Agents
Tel. Central 311-3137.
25, Queen's Road Central.

Leather Goods

Sam Kang Saitosee Co.,
Retail makers of Leather Suitcases,
Hand Bags, Purse, Belts, etc.
Pottinger St., 208 Queen's Rd. Ctl.
and 38 Hillier St.

Ho Hing, 24 Des Vaux Road, Manu-
facturers of Leather Suitcases, Hand
Bags, Trunks, etc.

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Asia Commercial & Development Co.,
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Miners' Importers and Exporters.
44-46 Queen's Road Ctl. Tel. Cen. 3907.

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Madame Fiat,
31, Queen's Road Cen. Tel. Cen. 389.
(Next P. J. J. in 3rd)

Optician

The Hongkong Optical Co., Phone 3123.
42, Queen's Road Central.

M. L. L. Optical,
Tel. Cen. 3902. 19, Queen's Rd. Central.

Photographers

Mac O'Connell, Photographer.
25, Ice House Street.
7, Rosenthal Arcade (Branch).
Developing & Printing undertaken.

Printers

The "China Mail" General Printers,
Publishers and Bookbinders.
5, Wyndham Street. Tel. Cen. 11.

Scales

Mustard & Co., Connaught Road Ctl.

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Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Ctl.
First floor. Tel. Central 639.
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Comproadors.

Wang Kee & Co., Shipchandlers,
Comproadors, Storekeepers & Coal
Merchants, 24-26 & Pilot Supply.
No. 36 & 37, Connaught Road, Tel.
Central No. 948.

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Regular Fortnightly Service
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S.S. "Haitan."

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British American Tobacco Co.
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Wine & Spirit Merchants

Kwan Tye, General Storekeeper
Wine & Spirit Merchant.
No. 102, Queen's Road Central.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

LOCAL CHINESE SCHEME.

The Hongkong Chinese partici-
pating in the British Empire
Trade Exhibition in 1924 will only
require twenty houses for exhibits
instead of forty as first suggested.
A telegram has been sent to Lon-
don asking for reservations.

A number of shipping companies
have offered to accept trade exhibits
and passengers for the Exhibition
at half the usual rates. The Gov-
ernment has been requested to bear
the expense of the other half to
encourage participation. It has
also been suggested that the
customs authorities at Canton be
requested to exempt from taxation
goods sent to the Exhibition except
those for sale.

Orders for teakwood, embroidery
and other produce which the
Chinese are skilled in preparing
will not be given till the Govern-
ment's reply has been received.
Shipment will be made not later
than December.

THE MUFFIN MAN.

When the little, old, brown teapot
has been set upon the hob,
And the toasting fork beside the
fire is ready for a job,
When the clock that once was
grandpapa's points out the time
as well,

I shut my brook and listen for the
muffin man's bell—
And when the bell it tinkles,
"Tinkle, tinkle, along,
The cat, and kettle, both begin a
"cozy, little song."

And I can almost fancy, some day,
Just like Peter, P.
Come flying through the window
I shall see the muffin man.
I used to think, when grown-up,
I would like to be his bride.
And live on muffin all my life—and
how I cried and cried.

When told it could not be, for he
already, it appears,
Has a missal and quite half a dozen
little muffin men.
"Ada, Leonard, Harris, in the
Windsor Magazine."

WEATHER REPORT.

May 25d, 1.1.10m.—Pressure has
decreased considerably at Shanghai,
and decreased moderately from
Windsorstock to central and N.E.
Japan. It has increased slightly at
other reporting stations.

The Chinese depression is now
shown as a V-shape of depression over
the Sea of Japan.

A depression remains over S.W.
China.

Gradients are still shallow over the
China Sea and the Philippines.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inch.
Total since January 1st, 10.79 inches.
Against an average of 10.43 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on May 26, 1923.

1.—Formosa Channel, S. to S.E.
winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain
later.

2.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Japan, S. to S.E.
winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain
later.

3.—Honkong to Far East, S. to S.E.
winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain
later.

4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Japan, S. to S.E.
winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain
later.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MAY 25, 1923.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force.
Victoria Peak	8	29.40	43	70	NNE	1
Central	8	29.39	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	8	29.38	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	9	29.38	43	70	NNE	1
Central	9	29.37	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	9	29.36	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	10	29.36	43	70	NNE	1
Central	10	29.35	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	10	29.34	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	11	29.34	43	70	NNE	1
Central	11	29.33	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	11	29.32	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	12	29.32	43	70	NNE	1
Central	12	29.31	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	12	29.30	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	13	29.30	43	70	NNE	1
Central	13	29.29	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	13	29.28	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	14	29.28	43	70	NNE	1
Central	14	29.27	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	14	29.26	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	15	29.26	43	70	NNE	1
Central	15	29.25	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	15	29.24	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	16	29.24	43	70	NNE	1
Central	16	29.23	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	16	29.22	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	17	29.22	43	70	NNE	1
Central	17	29.21	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	17	29.20	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	18	29.20	43	70	NNE	1
Central	18	29.19	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	18	29.18	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	19	29.18	43	70	NNE	1
Central	19	29.17	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	19	29.16	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	20	29.16	43	70	NNE	1
Central	20	29.15	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	20	29.14	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	21	29.14	43	70	NNE	1
Central	21	29.13	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	21	29.12	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	22	29.12	43	70	NNE	1
Central	22	29.11	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	22	29.10	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	23	29.10	43	70	NNE	1
Central	23	29.09	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	23	29.08	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	24	29.08	43	70	NNE	1
Central	24	29.07	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	24	29.06	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	25	29.06	43	70	NNE	1
Central	25	29.05	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	25	29.04	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	26	29.04	43	70	NNE	1
Central	26	29.03	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	26	29.02	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	27	29.02	43	70	NNE	1
Central	27	29.01	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	27	29.00	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	28	28.99	43	70	NNE	1
Central	28	28.98	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	28	28.97	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	29	28.97	43	70	NNE	1
Central	29	28.96	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	29	28.95	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	30	28.95	43	70	NNE	1
Central	30	28.94	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	30	28.93	43	70	NNE	1
Victoria Peak	31	28.93	43	70	NNE	1
Central	31	28.92	43	70	NNE	1
Admiralty	31	28.91	43	70	NNE	1

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous On date at 7 p.m. On date at 7 p.m.

Barometer 29.73 29.78 29.78
Temperature 87 89 88
Humidity 67 62 65
Direction of Wind (Wind) wsw wsw s
Force 2 1 8
Weather 2 c 0
Rain 0.00 0.00 0.03

HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Howlong Signal Hill
is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
except on Saturdays when it is dropped
at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays
and holidays when it is dropped at
10 a.m.

The Ball is hoisted half past six
and half past nine at the 15
minutes' interval the ball falls to drop
at the correct time it will be lowered at
15 minutes past the hour and the ordinary
practice repeated at the following hour.

Should the Time Ball be let off under
the above routine will be carried on
with the flag "F" on the Storm Signal
mast.

Time Signals are also given at night
by means of three white lamps mounted
vertically on the Observatory wireless
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